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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/664,042	SPIEGL ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Michael Koczo, Jr.	3746	

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

Applicant's election of the group I invention and the species of figure 1, without traverse, is acknowledged. Claims 3 to 9 therefore stand withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention and species.

### *Specification*

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

The syntax of the first sentence of paragraph 0028 is poor. It is not clear what structure is biased by gas pressure.

In paragraph 0030, line 1, it would appear that "to" should read --top--.

In paragraph 0032, line 3, it would appear that "FIG. 2" should read --FIG. 1--.

In paragraph 0032, line 9, "pushed" should read --pushes--.

In paragraph 0032, lines 8 and 9, "whereby the unloading cylinder 6 subsequently pushed[sic] the unloading cylinder 6 down" is not understood.

In paragraph 0034, line 6, "control valve 7" should read --control valve 3--.

Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, lines 3 and 4 from the bottom, there is no antecedent basis for “the unloading cylinder”. In line 2 from the bottom, is the “control valve” a double inclusion of the control valve in line 6, or is it a separate valve? In line 2 from the bottom, “rapid” is an unbased comparison.

Claim 2 does not recite any further method steps to further limit claim 1. Claim 2 merely recites a dependency between a volume to be discharged, a clearance volume, a cross-section and a gas (although it is not clear what is the physical parameter of the gas). There is no recitation of the relationship between these features.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted structural cooperative relationships are: the control valve, unloading cylinder and the unloading piston are recited in a structurally disconnected manner.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either of Steinruck (US 5,833,209), Ramsey (US 2,991,924) and Courtney (US 2,961,148). Each of these references discloses an unloader for a compressor wherein gas pressure is used to actuate the unloader, the gas pressure being controlled via a switchable valve.

***Conclusion***

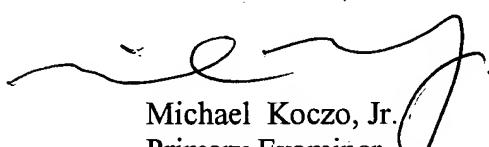
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry relating to patent applications in general should be directed to the Patent Assistance Center at 1-800-786-9199.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Koczo, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-4830. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th; 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ehud Gartenberg can be reached at 571-272-4828. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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